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WILLOWED HOME.
 All Oregon Greets the Second Oregon-Portland Takes a Holiday.
 Morning Oregonian.
 The volunteers are here. They arrived in Portland on three sections of a Southern Pacific train Thursday afternoon, August 10th, at 4 o'clock. A little more than an hour later, they had turned their tattered coats over to the state on Multnomah field, General Summers had given his last command, and all that remained of the most gallant command that fought in the Philippines was a scattered group of four hundred bronzed men in khaki suits. The disbanding of the regiment was by no means a pleasant ceremony to its members. These men, who, side by side, had served under the old flag for more than a year, had faced death without fear, and sickness without murmur, had seen their comrades shot down beside them, and had upheld the honor of their state and their country in such a fashion as to win the plaudits of the entire country, could not separate without feelings of sincere regret, and from their veteran colonel down they left the field with grave faces and quiet mien. And while the scene on Multnomah field was one to stir patriotism to enthusiastic cheering, yet no one could help feeling that it was a sad business for the men on parade.

Portland went wild in welcoming the returning veterans. Never before have there been such crowds of people been seen on the streets. Never before have such cheers rent the air, and never before have the feelings of the whole people been stirred so deeply. The soldiers would have known that they were home again had they all been blinded. From the time the train entered the city limits it was assailed with cheers on all sides. It was with the greatest difficulty that the men could be formed for parade at the union depot, so like a surge of the sea was the rush of the throng that pressed around them. And as they marched up Sixth street, with the easy swing of the old campaigner, the procession became a promenade of every one able to walk, and the ranks of the khaki uniforms were almost lost in the vast crowd of the friends of the soldiers who insisted on marching by their sides. It was a day Portland has long been waiting, and one she will never forget.

PENDLETON, Aug. 12—It was a royal welcome that Pendleton gave to the members of the Second Oregon regiment who arrived here this morning. Not even the long delay and the frequent changes in the plan necessitated by the mustering out of the regiment in San Francisco cooled the enthusiasm. Pendleton laid aside all business and other pleasures to devote a day to honoring the men who went to the wars to uphold the flag in the distant islands of the Pacific.

CORVALLIS, Aug. 12—It was after midnight last night when the celebration of the return of the volunteers ended. The balloon ascension was made at 8:30 last night, and was attended with a slight accident. The ascent was successfully made, and an altitude of a few thousand feet was attained. The descent with a parachute, however, was swifter than is usual, and the balloonist sustained a severely sprained ankle in touching the ground. The ascent was made from the college campus, and the parachute alighted near the Corvallis & Eastern depot.

M'INNIVILLE, Aug. 12—Five thousand people attended the reception given the Yambill members of the Second Oregon today. An excellent program was carried out. The principal feature was the address of Representative Toague. Forty-two volunteers sat down to the dinner prepared by the Emergency Corps. In a game of baseball in the afternoon, North Yambill defeated McMinville by a score of 7 to 3. The volunteers gave an exhibition drill on the streets this evening. It was witnessed and admired by all the people of the city.

WESTON, Aug. 12—Weston was delighted yesterday to witness the return of every man of the six volunteers enlisted from this place for the Second Oregon. All looked strong and healthy, having put on flesh at San Francisco. The town was in gala attire. A large number of relatives and friends met the boys at the station and escorted them up town in gaily decorated carriages. Bells were rung, whistles blown and giant powder exploded, and the fatted calf and spring chicken were duly sacrificed. This evening there will be a public reception on the largest lawn in the city, with an appropriate program and a free festival of ice cream and cake.

Prineville Wants District Fair.
 Why can't the fall meeting of the Second Oregon District fair be held in Prineville, says the Prineville Review. This county is certainly justly entitled to it. We have one of the best race tracks in Eastern Oregon, a meeting has been advertised for October 4 to 11, and purses aggregating \$1500 have been hung up and this will insure a fine lot of horses. Then why can't the committee having the matter in charge give Crook county her just dues? We hope the members from this county will advocate our interest before the board when it convenes to decide on this matter. If anything is going to be done it should be done right away.

NEEDS BURNING.
 Statement About the Simonin-Miller Poisoning Corrected.
 Morning Oregonian.
 A telephone dispatch from Union on Tuesday last to the Baker City Republican, gave an account of Joe Simonin and Mrs. A. A. Miller taking poison, then locking arms and going down to die in the house of Mrs. Miller. The dispatch went so far as to state that Dr. Miracle and Judge Frazier went to the scene of the tragedy to investigate.

Dr. W. T. Miracle and A. A. Miller, husband of Mrs. Miller, both from Richland, where the poisoning case was reported to have happened, were in Baker City last evening, and both deny any truth in the statement as reported to this paper. The facts as given to us by these gentlemen are as follows:

Joe Simonin was found in the road near the home of A. A. Miller, unconscious, having fallen from his horse. As was natural in such cases, Simonin was carried into the nearest house, which was that of Mr. Miller, and Dr. Miracle summoned. The doctor says that he could find no evidences of Simonin having taken poison, and the real cause of unconsciousness could not be determined by a physician.

Mr. Miller says that his brother was in the house when Simonin was brought there, and can testify to these facts. Out of these trifling circumstances, says Mr. Miller, some malicious, black-hearted, foul-minded scoundrel invented the report which became current at Union and sent to this paper.

Since Dr. Miracle corroborates the statement of Mr. Miller, it looks to us as if the public and the press have been maliciously imposed upon, as were the parties from Union who sent the 'phone dispatch to the Republican.

Assuming that the statements made by the physician and the husband of Mrs. Miller are true, any party or parties who were engaged in circulating such a defamatory report about a family, needs burning at the stake. Any man or woman who enters a home to destroy its character by wilful falsehood about its chastity and honor, is worse than the thief or midnight assassin, and Shakespeare has told the story in these words: "He who steals my purse, steals trash; but he who fishes from me, steals my name, takes that which neither enriches him, but makes me poor indeed."—Baker Republican.

GOLD CERTIFICATES.
 The Treasury Now Making Preparations to Issue Them.
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Gold certificates are again to be issued by the treasury department. The order of suspension promulgated by Secretary Carlisle April 1, 1898, and in force since that time with two unimportant exceptions, both made by Mr. Carlisle himself, has been revoked by Secretary Gage. Thus official confirmation of the fact that the nation is on the threshold of prosperity is again given. When Secretary Carlisle suspended the issue of these certificates his order was accepted by the business world as official notice of a period of financial stringency. That the forebodings were true is written in a dark chapter of national history. The revocation of the order is regarded as direct by the reverse.

The main reason for the action is the possibility that the present national supply of currency will not be adequate to meet the enormous demands expected from the fall movement of trade, particularly of the crops. In one sense, it is a precautionary measure, but in another and fuller sense it is notice to the world that the United States is in an unexampled era of national prosperity.

Six years ago the custom of hoarding gold was prevalent all over the country. Now gold coin is in such common circulation that it is frequently used by big manufacturers and mercantile concerns in liquidating their large weekly pay rolls. Gold coin is too cumbersome, though, to be used to advantage in meeting heavy balances of trade, and the order issued by Secretary Gage is intended as a means for facilitating business.

These gold certificates will be given to all comers who present gold coin in exchange for them. They will be in denominations of \$20 and multiples thereof. About \$100,000,000 worth will probably be ordered if it should appear that the supply is not likely to be large enough to meet the demand. In the vaults of the treasury there are now gold certificates aggregating between \$88,000,000 and \$99,000,000. To make up the \$100,000,000 Secretary Gage today made requisition upon the bureau of engraving and printing for \$10,000,000 more in denominations of \$20 each. The printing of these new certificates will be begun at once, and treasury officials think a supply will thus be secured sufficient to meet all demands.

THE U. S. TAKES HOLD
 Will Promote Grass Growing in Eastern Oregon.
 Morning Oregonian.
 The many grasses and forage plants of the Northwest, which are the main dependence of the dairy, the wool and the cattle interests of this country, are now being investigated by the United States department of agriculture, through the chief of the division, Professor F. Lamson-Scribner. Professor Scribner, who is here under instructions from Secretary Wilson, has just returned to Portland from Walla Walla, where there has been located a grass farm for testing the adaptability of various grasses to the climate east of the mountains and for investigating the habits of growth of new and tried varieties. This grass farm, which is on the lands of the O. R. & N. Co., was established in the spring of 1898, by the energetic industrial agent of the company, R. C. Judson. Upon the recommendations of Professor Scribner, who visited the grounds last season, the work was turned over to the department of agriculture, and is now officially under the direction of Professor Scribner. The experiments being made are under the immediate care of A. B. Lockenby, special agent in the division agronomy and representative of Professor Scribner, on this coast.

Through the efforts of the agricultural department a number of interesting and very promising varieties of forage plants are now being cultivated at Walla Walla. Prominent among these are the Turkestan alfalfa, from the dry regions of Western Asia, and Oasis alfalfa, from Northern Africa. These varieties resemble the common alfalfa of this country, but it is already manifest that the first named is more hardy, and it is believed that the latter will prove suitable for locations where irrigation is impossible. Smooth brome grass has shown a wonderful vitality under most trying conditions of poor soil, lack of water and extremes of heat and cold. Among these grasses, the seeds of which can be procured in the markets, this brome, from the steppes of Russia, will withstand the longest and most trying periods of drought.

A forage plant of much promise and entirely new to agriculture is the Metcalfe bean, procured from the dry mesas of New Mexico, by Professor Scribner. This bean is making a fine growth at the experimental station and may prove to be as valuable to the dry regions east of the mountains as the velvet bean is to the Gulf states.

Particularly striking because of their vigorous growth and manifest productiveness are the native rye and wheat grasses. Among the former are found our best grasses for binding drifting sands, or for very sandy soils, and among the latter occur species which grow upon the driest cattle ranges of the interior. Slender wheat grasses is one of these, and this grass has made showing at the farm, but the wheat bunchgrass is the species of all others the one best suited to conditions of dry soil and climate. It is the "bunchgrass" of the Northwest and its re-establishment upon the ranges can doubtless be effected by reseeding under proper conditions, followed by suitable management in regard to grazing. Another grass of much promise is blue grama. The grass is one of the "buffalo grasses" east of the Rocky mountains and affords much excellent grazing. If it can be successfully introduced upon the ranges of Eastern Oregon it will be a great boon to the stockmen of that region. Its power to resist trampling and drought gives it special value. Its growth upon the farm has been remarkably successful.

Several hundred varieties of grasses and forage plants are now growing at Walla Walla, but it is proposed to reduce the number and occupy the space with those species which are believed to be most valuable for restocking the ranges or for the arid regions. The grasses here grown will supply, at least in part, the stock of seed necessary for practically demonstrating their value upon the now depleted cattle ranges of the interior country. It is further intended to experiment with grasses for very sandy soils, and especially for those suited to highly alkaline soils. Experiments have already been commenced in testing the value of certain species of grasses for holding the shifting or drifting sands along the Columbia river, and Professor Scribner will visit the region near Beasdale to investigate the natural sand buder which grows along the coast.

The O. R. & N. Co. is fencing three 40-acre tracts to be used in the government's experiments with grass culture—one at Haines, Baker county, high range land, and one at Echo, alkali land; one between Arlington and Stokes, sandy upland. Samples of the soil are to be sent to the department of agriculture, and reports of the success with the various kinds under varying treatments will be made, so that the progress of the experiments may be recorded. Secretary Wilson selected these locations when he was in Oregon a few weeks ago. Besides the tract mentioned, stretches of the sand along the Columbia river have been set apart for experiments with sand binding plants.

The interest of the United States department of agriculture was brought to this important line of investigation by

the efforts of the O. R. & N. last year in the same direction. The measurable success of the company's work suggested the advisability of going into it more extensively, and the department of agriculture was moved to take it up, recognizing it as of the greatest importance to the stock ranges of the country. The work seems now fairly under way, and great results are expected from it.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

More than \$10,000,000 of English capital has been invested in Cuban tobacco market.

The wool season in Montana has come to a close. Prices range from 14 1/2 to 18 cents per pound.

Jim Jeffries, the pugilist is meeting with great success in London, where he is giving sparring exhibitions.

The Pennsylvania railroad is to be the first in the country to establish a system of old-age pensions for employees. Details of the scheme are now being arranged.

Six hundred mules for use in the Philippines arrived at Tacoma Monday over the Northern Pacific from eastern points. They will be shipped to Manila Aug. 15.

Homer Davenport, the celebrated cartoonist, an Oregon boy, left New York last Friday for South Africa via London, to do special work for the New York Journal.

Lloyd Tevis, of Wells, Fargo & Co., who died in San Francisco about ten days ago, left an estate valued at \$15,000,000 to his wife. He left six children who will receive their share of the estate as the mother decides.

The national revenue in July, 1899 was \$4,207,150 larger than it was in July, 1898. Of this increase, the gain in internal revenue was \$2,151,877, the gain in customs was \$1,801,774, and there was a small gain in miscellaneous receipts. The expenditures show a decrease of, in round figures, \$18,000,000.

N. T. Coleman, an emigrant on the battleship Iowa, who was to have been court-martialed on a charge of having been intoxicated while the vessel was at the Puget Sound naval station, attempted suicide by shooting with a navy revolver at San Francisco Thursday. He will recover. The young man is a sufferer from ill health.

Deposits in the banks of Chicago amount to over \$200,000,000. The attorney general of Illinois has given an opinion that under the new law of the state the deposits are subject to assessment, and that on the first day of April of each year the banks must report to the assessor the names of all depositors, with amounts standing to their credit.

The report of Commissioner of Pensions Evans for the fiscal year ending June 30 last shows total disbursements of \$138,238,923, leaving a balance of \$1,857,188 in the treasury, out of \$140,000,000 appropriated. The total number of pensioners on the rolls June 30 was 291,911, a decrease of 2195. There were 49,991 names added to the rolls and 43,186 dropped.

Two million bushels of wheat are estimated to have been lost in South Dakota by a hail storm on Thursday, which partially destroyed the crop on nearly 250,000 acres of land in the state. Farmers who were busily engaged were driven to their barns for shelter, and afterwards found it unnecessary to take the binders back to the field, as the grain had been harvested by hail in a few brief moments.

Spokane's Fair.
 The Spokane Industrial Exposition, to be held from the 31 to the 17th of October, will be a great musical treat. Every person in the Northwest who enjoys music will be glad to spend as much time as possible at Spokane during the exposition, and enjoy the feast of music which is being prepared for that occasion. Never before in all this part of the country has there been such an opportunity to hear such grand, soul-inspiring, martial music. Every student of music will be anxious to attend, for it will be an opportunity that may not come again in a long time. Besides the big Grand Army band of Canton, Ohio, there will be other musical attractions. Three programs of music every day will be furnished. There will be a concert every forenoon, lasting an hour; in the afternoon there will be a concert of two and one-half hours and in the evening the program will last for three hours. The director of the band is a leader of an orchestra, and with his band will be able to play music for any kind of entertainment features which will be provided.

They Have Heard It.
 The Chamber of Commerce of Baker City, is considering a proposition made by B. F. Stewart of Prineville, who desires to put up a flouring mill at Baker City and wishes that body to use its influence in securing the right of way for a water ditch to cost probably \$150,000. Mr. Stewart proposes to erect a \$150,000 mill with the most modern machinery, of a 75 to 100-barrel daily capacity. Should a wheat market be established at Baker City, the farmer induced to raise more wheat, and the beneficial results will be immediate.—Commercial Review.

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